# Community Development Block Grant Program One-Year Action Plan FY 2019/2020

# 45 Years



# **Building Better Neighborhoods**

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# **Executive Summary**

### AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

#### 1. Introduction

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires entitlement communities to develop and submit an annual Action Plan in order to access housing and community development entitlement funds. The City of Harlingen's Action Plan describes the activities that will be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds in furtherance of the objectives set forth in its Five-Year Consolidated Plan and Strategy (CPS).

The City of Harlingen combined their Consolidated Planning efforts with the cities of Brownsville and San Benito to develop a comprehensive approach to the use of HUD program funding for housing and community revitalization in Cameron County. The Consolidated Planning process provided a valuable opportunity to shape a variety of housing and community development programs into effective and coordinated neighborhood, community, and regional development strategies. It also created an opportunity for strategic planning, community-wide consultation, and citizen participation to take place in a comprehensive context, thereby reducing duplication of effort at the local level. However, the City of Harlingen will administer its own housing and community development programs covered by the CPS.

The CPS provides an outline of the region's and the City of Harlingen's vision for developing viable communities by pursuing the following objectives for low and moderate income individuals and families:

- Creating suitable living environments,
- Providing decent affordable housing, and
- Creating economic opportunities.

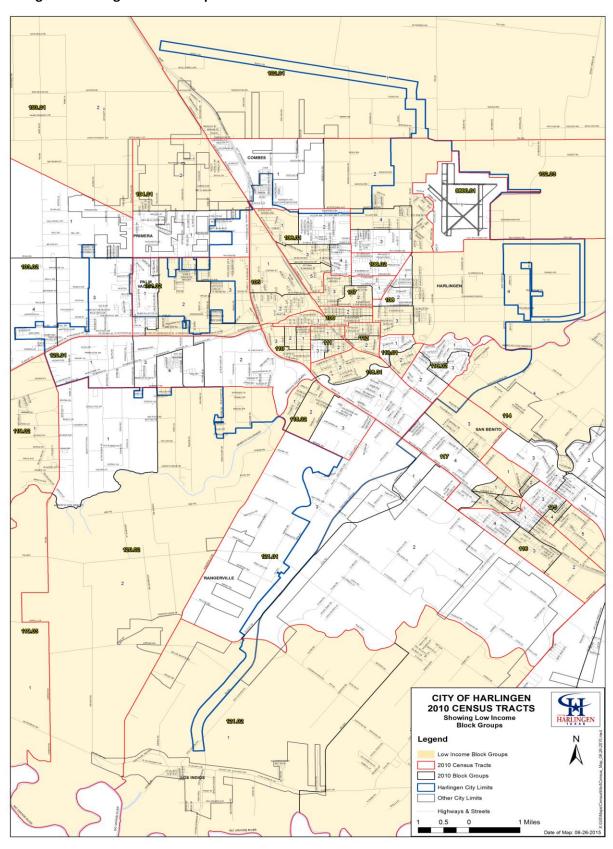
The primary means of achieving this goal is by extending and strengthening partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector, including non-profit and for-profit organizations, in creating new housing and community development opportunities.

The City of Harlingen will aggressively pursue these goals through the projects described in its annual Action Plan. The recommended funding for its Action Plan projects is directed toward public facilities and improvements, affordable housing programs, and public service activities, which will lead to the following outcomes:

- Improved availability/accessibility to suitable living environments,
- Improved sustainability of decent affordable housing, and
- Improved availability/accessibility to economic opportunities.

The City of Harlingen's annual Action Plan is a major component of the CPS. In the Action Plan, Harlingen describes the programs and services that it will undertake during the period beginning October 1, 2019, until September 30, 2020. The Action Plan details the populations that will be served, projects to be undertaken, and resources that will be used over the next year to address the fifth year of the CPS.

# Harlingen CDBG Eligible Areas Map



Annual Action Plan 2019

#### 2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

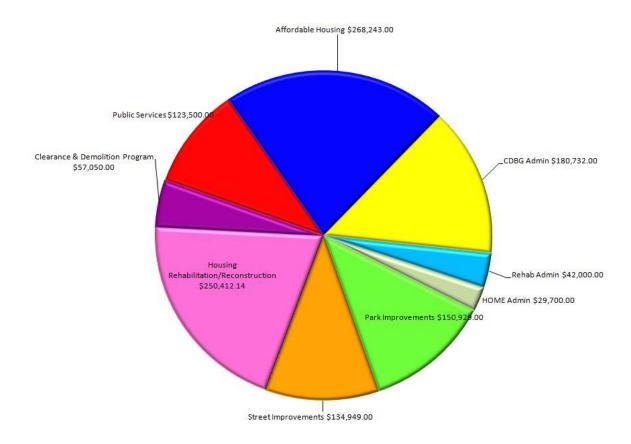
This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

This Action Plan contains a range of goals, objectives, and outcomes formulated to address needs identified for homelessness, other special needs, non-housing community development, barriers to affordable housing, lead-based paint hazards, institutional structure, and coordination. These objectives include:

- Continue to plan, monitor and administer Entitlement Grant programs and ensure compliance with Federal Regulations
- Support improvement of infrastructure, parks and recreational facilities, community facilities and public facilities in CDBG eligible census tracts
- Address community needs through community-based public service programs

These objectives are supported by a collection of associated strategies and performance goals. These strategies seek to work toward meeting the objectives stated, addressing the need for more affordable housing, housing rehabilitation, public facilities and infrastructure improvements, and public services. See AP-20 for specific goals.

#### **Funding Allocation Chart 2019-2020**



#### 3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

Harlingen has a history of successful programs funded through the Community Development Block Grant Program. Of particular importance to the health of the city have been programs that address the condition of the housing stock. The City has successfully funded housing rehabilitation activities targeting lower income and elderly households who are unable to properly maintain their homes. Due to the inability to fill open positions for the housing rehabilitation program, staff is working to outsource the construction management to meet the needs of the community. The City has worked actively with local homeless service providers to expand both the stock of units/beds available to homeless persons and services aimed at helping those persons find employment, housing, health care services, and educational opportunities. All goals and projects are still consistent with the 5 year ConPlan and on track as demonstrated in our past performance. Details of past performance can be found in the City's Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

#### **CAPER GOALS**

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Goal	Calegory	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected -Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete	Expected - Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete	Expected - Program Year		Percent Complete	Expected Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
Administration Objective	Administration	HOME: \$	Other	Other			0.00%	- 1	0	0.00%		0	0.00%	- 1		0.00%		- 1	0.00
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Family Crisis Center & CASA Domestic Violence Objective	Non-Homeless Special Needs	oneg s	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income	Persons Assisted	992	572	170 75%	50	137	228 33%	13:		82.22% 71.61%	140	121	86.43% 59.35%			
Domestic Violence Objective	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Housing Benefit  Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	335	120	0.00%		120	220.33%		111			121				
Surshine Haven Healthcare Services Objective	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	341	50	14.41%	67	20	29.85%	2:	30	130,43%		42				
Objective Nenabilization	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$	Rehabilitated	Housing Unit	38	- (1	2.86%	s	1	0.00%		1	50.00%			0.00%		3	0.009
Zetina/Sims	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$	Rehabilitated	Housenoid Housing Unit													12	2	100.00%
Housing Development Objective	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$	Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	34	16	47.06%	. 2	0	0.00%		0	0.00%	1		0.00%		2	0.00%
Housing Development Objective	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers	Housenoids Assisted	34		0.00%	. 4	0	0.00%		6	150.00%		10	142.86%		0	0.00%
Infrastructure Objective	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than LowModerate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	8812	2775	31,49%	1670	1670	100.00%	108	1085	100.00%	620		0.00%			
Bonham Park and Recreation Facilities Objective	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than LowModerate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	12690	6345	5 0.00%	6345	6345	100.00%									
Victor Park and Recreation Facilities Objective 2	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	4635	c	0.00%	4638	0	0.00%	3510	. 0	0.00%						
Lon C Hill Pool	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than LowModerate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted													2280	2280	100.00%
Rangerville Park	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than LowModerate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted													3399	3399	100.00%
Windsor Park	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than LowModerate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted													3600	3600	100.00%
Amigos Del Valle Senior Services - Meals Objective	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	167	.28	16.77%	7	9	128.57%		7	100.00%	,	12	171.43%		0	0.00%
Boys Club Youth Services Objective	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than LowModerate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	5625	2437	43.32%	1125	1125	100.00%	115	651	56.61%	1000	661	66.10%	c	G	0.00%
Girl Scouts Youth Services Objective 2	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than LowModerate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	2325	345	14.84%	465	345	74.19%									0.00%
CDCB	Housing Development Objective Non-Housing Community Development Housing Assistance Fair Housing Outreach and Education	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	C	29	0.00%		0	0.00%	100	29	29.00%				c	0	0.00%

#### 4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

In accordance with its existing Citizen Participation Plan, Harlingen held a series of public hearings and oversaw the 30-day comment period to solicit input on the City's proposed annual Action Plan projects. Citizen participation in the development of the annual Action Plan was highly encouraged to generate public input regarding the jurisdiction's housing and community development needs and priorities. During the planning process, the City of Harlingen conducted the following public activities:

• Notice of Funding Availability published in the Valley Morning Star, posted in public buildings, and posted on our website (2/02/2019)

- Staff Workshops held for all interested applicants regarding the application submittal requirements,
   Lon C. Hill Building Conference Room (2/19/2019 & 2/20/2019)
- Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) Regular Meeting/Public Hearing, City Hall-Townhall (4/4/2019 at 5:30 PM)
- Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) Regular Meeting, Lon C. Hill Building (5/14/2019 at 5:30 PM)
- City Commission Meeting/Public Hearing (6/5/2019 at 5:30 PM)
- City Commission Special Meeting/Public Hearing (6/24/2019 at 5:30 PM)
- Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) Meeting/Public Hearing, Lon C. Hill Building (7/11/2019 at 5:30 PM)
- City Commission Meeting (8/7/2019 at 5:30 PM)

In order to encourage public participation in the planning process—particularly among minorities, and non-English speaking persons, as well as persons with disabilities—the City of Harlingen published a notice in both English and Spanish in the "Valley Morning Star", a local general circulation newspaper.

Notices were posted at the following community locations:

- City Hall
- Lon C. Hill Annex Building
- City Library
- Harlingen Housing Authority

Finally, notices were posted on the website for general business and the Community Development Department's webpage:

http://www.myharlingen.us/default.aspx?name=home.meetings

http://www.myharlingen.us/default.aspx?name=CD.Home

Each of the public notices advised potential attendees that special accommodations would be made for persons with disabilities and non-English speakers if given advance notification.

In addition, copies of the City of Harlingen's Annual Action Plan Budget were made available to the public during the 30-day comment period, beginning on June 27, 2019, and ending July 26, 2019, at the following locations:

- Community Development Department
- City Manager's Office
- City Library
- Harlingen Housing Authority

### "EXHIBIT A"

# C.D.B.G. AND HOME FUNDS PROPOSED 2019-2020 ONE YEAR ACTION PLAN BUDGET

C.D.B.G. Allocation	\$	903,660.00
HOME Allocation	\$	297,943.00
Anticipated Program Income (from Housing Assistance Loans to City)	\$	35,912.14
Anticipated Program Income (to HCDC)	\$	12,145.23
Combined Total Allocations	\$1	,249,660.37
03F - Parks, Recreation Facilities – Hunter Park Improvements	\$	150,929.00
03K – Public Facilities – Street Improvements (Los Vecinos Area)	\$	134,949.00
04 - Clearance & Demolition	\$	57,050.00
05A - Public Services (Seniors) Amigos del Valle	\$	13,500.00
05A - Public Services (Seniors) Area Agency on Aging	\$	5,000.00
05D - Public Services (Youth) Boys & Girls Club	\$	60,000.00
05N - Public Services (Abused Children) CASA	\$	15,000.00
05N - Public Services (Abused Children) Family Crisis Center	\$	12,000.00
05M - Public Services (Health ) Sunshine Haven	\$	18,000.00
14A - Housing Rehabilitation Program	\$	214,500.00
14H - Housing Rehabilitation Administration	\$	42,000.00
21A - General Administration	\$	180,732.00
Total CDBG Funding	\$	903,660.00
12 - HOME-Affordable Housing Programs (Habitat for Humanity)	\$	90,000.00
12 - HOME-Affordable Housing Programs -CITY	\$	133,543.00
12- HOME - CHDO Set-Aside	\$	44,700.00
21H - HOME-Administrative Support	\$	29,700.00
Total HOME Funding	\$	297,943.00
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14A - Housing Rehabilitation (anticipated RL program income)	\$	35,912.14
12 - Construction of Housing (anticipated AHP-RL Program Income)	\$	12,145.23
Total Anticipated Program Income	\$	48,057.37
Total Funding Requests	<del></del>	,249,660.37
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#### **RESOLUTION No. 2019-25**

#### STATE OF TEXAS

#### COUNTY OF CAMERON

WHEREAS, pursuant to the laws of the United States of America, the United States Government has allocated to the City of Harlingen, Texas, the sum of \$903,660.00 in Community Development Block Grant funds (CDBG) for the 2019-20 Entitlement year and the City has identified an amount of \$35,912.14 received by the City in CDBG revolving loan funds; \$12,145.23 in CDBG funds to be received by Harlingen Community Development Corporation; for a total CDBG funds in the amount of \$951,717.37; and

WHEREAS, the United States Government has additionally allocated the sum of \$297,943.00 in Home Investment Partnership Program funds (HOME) to the City as a Participating Jurisdiction for the Entitlement Year; said funds constituting CDBG Funds and HOME Funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to the City of Harlingen; to be used by the City in the implementation and completion of Community Development Programs as specified in the application for said funds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions attendant with such grant funds, the City Manager of Harlingen budgeted and programmed the expenditures of such funds for various approved projects and public works for the City of Harlingen, including public services and planning and management development; all to be funded from the aforesaid CDBG and HOME Grants, as being funds surplus and wholly in addition to all other revenues and sources of funds of the City of Harlingen for Fiscal Year 2019-20; said City Manager having submitted such budget and proposed expenditures of such funds to the Mayor and Elective Commission of the City of Harlingen; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Advisory Board through public hearings, and the Mayor and Elective Commission having reviewed and considered such proposed budget and expenditures for the 2019-20 period as submitted, in the form of a budget to the public on June 24, 2019, (through a public hearing); and

WHEREAS, the public hearing was held on the 24th day of June, 2019, at a special City Commission meeting at 5:30 p.m. as posted, and said budget was discussed and all interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard on any matter relative thereto, and all interested persons were heard; and there being no other persons seeking to be heard with reference to any matter concerning said public hearing was closed on the 24th day of June, 2019; and

WHEREAS, prior to final adoption of the One Year Action Plan by the City Commission, an additional public hearing was held July 11, 2019, in the Conference Room of the Lon C. Hill Building at 5:30 p.m. by the Community Development Advisory Board during the required 30 day comment period to obtain citizen comments; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of the Request For Release of Funds and Removal of Grant Conditions from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the City Manager of the City of Harlingen is authorized to execute agreements for subrecipients approved in the 2018-19 One Year Action Plan as required by HUD; and

#### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF HARLINGEN:

That the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Funds Budget for the City of Harlingen, appropriating funds only for the programs set forth in the "CDBG and HOME Funds---2019-2020 Budget", in the total amount of \$1,249,660.37; a copy of said budget

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being attached as Exhibit "A" and more clearly identified within the CITY OF HARLINGEN ONE YEAR ACTION PLAN and the same is hereby adopted as the funds and expenditures listed under the 2019-2020 budget in connection with the receipt of the aforesaid CDBG and HOME funds, and the regulatory required budgeting and disposition thereof; all being separate and apart from the regular fiscal year budget of the City of Harlingen.

CONSIDERED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_August\_\_\_\_, 2019, at a regular meeting of the Elective Commission of the City of Harlingen at which a quorum was present and which was held in accordance with TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, TITLE 5, SUBTITLE A., CHAPTER 551, enacted by Acts 1993, 73rd Leg., ch. 268, S 1, effective September 1, 1993.

CITY OF HARLINGEN

Chris Boswell MAYOR

ATTEST

Amanda Elizondo, City Secretary

#### 5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

In establishing its CDBG and HOME allocations, Harlingen's City Commission and City Administrators consider all comments.

A regular City Commission meeting was scheduled for June 5, 2019 where the funding recommendations established by the Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) were to be presented to the City Commission. However, because one Commissioner was absent, an adequate quorum would not be obtained, therefore the item was passed. City administration later scheduled a Special City Commission meeting for June 24, 2019 at 5:30. Although the Commission recognizes the extensive amount of time the Community Development Advisory Board takes to review, analyze, and evaluate all applications for funding, not all recommendations for funding were approved.

There was a very strong presence of community leaders and residents both in opposition and in support of funding Planned Parenthood, a public service agency. The number of those in opposition far outweighed those in favor. The comments made were relevant to the funding of this particular organization, therefore, all comments were accepted. Due to the overwhelming opposition, the City Commission elected not to fund this organization.

The City will continue to fund public services, the Housing Rehabilitation/Reconstruction Program, clearance and demolition, affordable housing programs, parks and recreation improvements, and street improvements during this funding cycle.

During the 30-day comment period, a Public Hearing was held on July 11, 2019, before the CDAB at which time they were available to listen to comments related to the One-Year Action Plan. Two persons spoke during this public hearing. Both comments were positive in nature, thanking the CDAB for their continued support of public service agencies that help the community in need.

There were a total of 18 Public Comment forms received both via email and in person during the 30-day comment period. Fifteen comments were highly positive in nature, while 3 comments we negative and specific to the unfunding of Planned Parenthood.

#### **Summary of Public Comments**

#### Summary of public comments

Before the start of the 30-day comment period, a Public Hearing and meeting was held on June 24, 2019 before the City Commission at which time they were available to listen to comments related to the proposed One-Year Action Plan. Several positive comments were made regarding some of the non-profit organizations that were recommended for funding. There were a total of seven (7) negative comments made regarding the funding of Planned Parenthood, a non-profit organization. While a total of five (5) persons spoke in favor of funding Planned Parenthood.

During the 30-day comment period, the Community Development Advisory Board held a public hearing on July 11, 2019. There were a total of two (2) comments made at this time. One person expressed his gratitude for the continued funding and support of Habitat for Humanity, an organization which utilizes HOME funds. The other person spoke on behalf of the Harlingen Housing Authority, expressing their thanks for the funding of street improvements within one of their public housing communities.

#### 6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

All comments received during the comment period were considered. Most written comments submitted were noted to be highly positive in nature (most being testimonials from previous program beneficiaries). The comments in support of funding Planned Parenthood were considered, but not accepted due to the overwhelming opposition.

#### 7. Summary

This plan provides a framework through which Harlingen manages its federal entitlement programs related to community development and homeless assistance. Data was provided through HUD's eCon software system, utilizing American Community Survey data and other sources, to construct the needs assessment and market analysis. The City worked with local service providers and other concerned citizens to develop the strategic plan and annual action plan, both designed to address needs within the city as identified through the public participation process and needs assessment.

#### PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

#### 1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name		Department/Agency		
Lead Agency	HARLINGEN				
CDBG Administrator	HARLINGEN	Co	ommunity Development		
		De	epartment		
HOPWA Administrator					
HOME Administrator	HARLINGEN	Co	ommunity Development		
		De	epartment		
HOPWA-C Administrator					

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

#### Narrative (optional)

The City of Harlingen's Community Development Department receives entitlement funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on an annual basis. Funding is determined by the amount of HUD's approved budget and an allocation formula that factors in variables such as population, housing stock age/condition, and poverty levels.

The Community Development Department is responsible for administering the City's housing and community development programs covered by Harlingen's CPS and annual Action Plan. The Community Development Department conducts the planning, budgeting, and day-to-day administration of the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds.

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### AP-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

#### 1. Introduction

The City of Harlingen determined the priority rankings of its housing and community development needs through a consultation process with public agencies, community organizations, and local residents. The complete list of the City of Harlingen's consultations may be found in its Five-Year Consolidated Plan and Strategy (CPS).

In addition, Harlingen reviewed relevant data on the city's and the region's housing and community development needs, including the following sources:

- 2010 Census
- 2006-2015 CHAS Data ACS Sets
- eCon Planning Suite
- HUD Low Income Housing Tax Credit Database
- Texas State Data Center
- Texas A & M Real Estate Center
- Texas Workforce Commission
- National Low Income Housing Coalition
- State of the Cities
- Texas Department of State Health Services
- Texas Homeless Network

Funding for projects in the City of Harlingen's immediate sphere of influence must correspond with the identified needs or the proposed project is not funded with entitlement funds.

This consultation process ensures that there is direct, local community input in the selection of funded projects.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I))

The City of Harlingen coordinates with a wide variety of agencies, organizations, and service providers in an effort to bring various viewpoints to bear in the identification of local housing and service needs. The agencies include Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) and other community development organizations whose fields of interest and service include but are not limited to: social services, youth services, senior

services, homeless services, domestic violence assistance, health services, and abused children's services.

Harlingen continues to nurture relationships with public and private health and social service agencies in an effort to clearly identify gaps in essential services that can be used in the formulation of various grant requests submitted on the City's behalf.

To strengthen this delivery system, Harlingen has undertaken a collaborative approach to developing a common vision for housing and community development activities. Commitment and coordination among different levels of local government, community organizations, and the public are essential.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

City staff works actively with the Cameron County Homeless Partnership, the umbrella organization that addresses homeless issues in the region. Staff participate in regularly scheduled meetings and point-in-time surveys. In the past, the City has provided administrative support to supplement homeless initiatives and funding to the various agencies that make up the local membership of the regional partnership.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

Staff from Harlingen participates in the Cameron County Homeless Partnership, working with area service providers to include City resources, to the extent possible, in the provision of services to homeless individuals and families in Harlingen.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations, and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies, and other entities

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

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1	Agency/Group/Organization	Valley AIDS Council (VAC)			
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS			
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy			
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Valley AIDS Council was invited to participate in Consolidated Plan forums and the Action Plan development process. Consultations were made with the Council's staff regarding goals to efficiently fund services that meet the multiple care needs of HIV/AIDS clients with limited resources.			
2	Agency/Group/Organization	CASA OF CAMERON & WILLACY COUNTIES			
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services - Victims Child Welfare Agency			
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy			
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City consults with the Court Appointed Special Advocates' executive director and staff on a regular basis. They are invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan forums and Action Plan development process. CASA board members and staff attend every public hearing made available and communicate their needs before the Community Development Advisory Board regarding funding shortages.			
3	Agency/Group/Organization	FAMILY CRISIS CENTER			
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless			

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?  Briefly describe how the	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy  The Family Crisis center is invited to participate in Consolidated Plan forums and the Action Plan development process. The city communicates with the Executive director and finance director on a regular basis and with the goal of assisting with their ongoing funding needs.		
	Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?			
4	Agency/Group/Organization	AMIGOS DEL VALLE, INC.		
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing		
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy		
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The city invites Amigos Del Valle to participate in Consolidated Plan forums and the Action Plan development process. One of our City Commissioners sits on the board of this organization. He is exposed to and participates in identifying the issues related to the senior population in the Harlingen area. As a Board member, he evaluates and recommends programs, policies, and practices that create a positive impact and reduce the burden on seniors.		
5	Agency/Group/Organization	BOY'S & GIRL'S CLUB OF HARLINGEN		
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children		
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy		

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization is also invited to participate in Consolidated Plan forums and Action Plan development process. Their ultimate goal is to create, develop, and implement programs that promote optimal development for young children. They also develop programs and activities that contribute to the continued development of a system of high-quality early care and education and afterschool programs for Harlingen's children. The Club Executive Director attends all of our public hearings and advises the Commission and the board of their great need for continued funding for these wonderful programs for our children.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Harlingen Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in Consolidated Plan forums and Action Plan development process. Face to face meetings with the executive director of this organization aided in promoting their opportunities to offer assistance to current beneficiaries to transition them into permanent housing by utilizing the Housing Choice Voucher program. Staff from the PHA attended our public hearings and communicated their needs to our Community Development Advisory Board and to our City Commission with the expected outcome of continuing relationships.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Tropical Texas Behavioral Health
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy			
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This agency offers a variety of services such as Adult Mental Health Services, Child and Youth Mental Health, assistance for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, and help with Substance Abuse Disorder. They were invited to participate in Consolidated Plan forums and the Action Plan development process as well. Face to face meetings were held with the expected outcome of assisting with funding for some of their low income clients.			
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council			
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Planning organization			
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy			
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Staff attended some meetings with LRGVDC's Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee regarding discussions for Disaster Mitigation and other water issues. Consultations were made with the intent of assessing needs. This organization was also invited to participate in Consolidated Plan forums and Action Plan development process.			
9	Agency/Group/Organization	United Way of Northern Cameron County			
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Foundation			

	What section of the Plan was addressed	Housing Need Assessment			
	by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy			
	by consultation:	Non-Homeless Special Needs			
		Market Analysis			
		Economic Development			
		Anti-poverty Strategy			
	Briefly describe how the	The Executive Director of our department sits on the			
	Agency/Group/Organization was	board of this organization. Her capacity as a board			
	consulted. What are the anticipated	member allows her the opportunity to constantly			
	outcomes of the consultation or areas for	consult with them regarding needs assessments. This			
	improved coordination?	agency was also invited to participate in Consolidated			
		Plan forums and the Action Plan development			
		process.			
10	Agency/Group/Organization	Rio Grande Habitat for Humanity, Inc			
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing			
		Services - Housing			
		Service-Fair Housing			
	What section of the Plan was addressed	Housing Need Assessment			
	by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs			
		Market Analysis			
		Economic Development			
		Anti-poverty Strategy			
	Briefly describe how the	This organization is also invited to participate in			
	Agency/Group/Organization was	Consolidated Plan forums and Action Plan			
	consulted. What are the anticipated	development process. We collaborate with home			
	outcomes of the consultation or areas for	construction agencies in the Harlingen area that			
	improved coordination?	provide housing-related assistance. The RGHH			
		leverages and coordinates diverse funds, resources,			
		and services to ensure low-income homeowners and			
		families enjoy healthy, safe, and energy efficient			
		home environments.			

# Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

No specific organizations were intentionally left out of the citizen participation process.

#### Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Texas Homeless Network - Texas Balance of State CoC	Harlingen and the Cameron County Housing Partnership CoC grant application is submitted as part of the Balance of State CoC application, of which the Texas Homeless Network is the lead agency.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

#### **Narrative (optional)**

The development of the Consolidated Plan and the component Strategic Plan and Annual Action Plan require the help of the local non-profit community and other organizations. Specific priorities are identified and ranked through that participation utilizing focus group sessions, forums, and surveys. The City relies on its ongoing relationships to ensure that these opinions and observations are incorporated into the Plan.

#### **AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)**

# 1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

In accordance with its existing Citizen Participation Plan, Harlingen held a series of public hearings and oversaw the 30-day comment period to solicit input on the City's proposed annual Action Plan projects. Citizen participation in the development of the annual Action Plan was highly encouraged to generate public input regarding the jurisdiction's housing and community development needs and priorities. During the planning process, the City of Harlingen conducted the following public meetings:

- Notice of Funding Availability published in the Valley Morning Star, posted in public buildings, and posted on the City's website (2/2/2019)
- Staff Workshops held for all interested applicants regarding the application submittal requirements, Lon C. Hill Building Conference Room (2/19/2019 & 2/20/2019)
- Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) Regular Meeting/Public Hearing, City Hall-Townhall (4/4/2019 at 5:30 PM)
- Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) Regular Meeting, Lon C. Hill Building (5/16/2019 at 5:30 PM)
- City Commission Meeting/Public Hearing (6/5/2019 at 5:30 PM) (Item passed)
- City Commission Special Meeting/Public Hearing (6/24/2019 at 5:50 PM)
- Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) Meeting/Public Hearing, Lon C. Hill Building (7/11/2019 at 5:30 PM)
- City Commission Meeting (8/7/2019)

In order to encourage public participation in the planning process—particularly among minorities, and non-English speaking persons, as well as persons with disabilities—the City of Harlingen published a notice in both English and Spanish in the "Valley Morning Star", a local general circulation newspaper.

Notices were posted at the following community locations:

- City Hall
- Lon C. Hill Annex
- City Library
- Harlingen Housing Authority

Finally, notices were posted on the website for general business and the Community Development Department's webpage:

http://www.myharlingen.us/page/home.meetings

http://www.myharlingen.us/page/CD.Home

Each of the public notices advised potential attendees that special accommodations would be made for persons with disabilities and non-English speakers if given advance notification.

In addition, copies of the City of Harlingen's Annual Action Plan Budget was made available to the public during the 30-day comment period, beginning on June 27, 2019, and ending July 26, 2019, at the following locations:

- Community Development Department
- City Manager's Office
- City Library
- Harlingen Housing Authority

# **Citizen Participation Outreach**

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Hearing	Non- targeted/broad community	All those submitting an application were in attendance along with program participants.	Presentations were given by all applicants followed by a question and answer dialog between the applicant and Community Development Advisory Board members.	All statements were considered.	
2	Email	Non- targeted/broad community Listserve	All persons requesting to be placed on our mailing list were sent notification via email of the availability of funds and of public hearings.	A total of 3 comments were received via email from interested parties on our listserv.	All comments were considered, however all were regarding Planned Parenthood, a public service agency. The comments were not accepted due to the overwhelmin g opposition.	
3	Newspaper Ad	Non- targeted/broad community	Notices of all public hearings and public meetings were published in the local newspaper, the Valley Morning Star in addition to be posted at various locations.	No comments were received.	Not applicable.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
4	Internet Outreach	Non- targeted/broad community	Notices of all public hearings and public meetings were posted on the City's Main Meeting webpage and Community Development Department's webpage.	No comments were received.	Not applicable.	http://www.myharlingen.u s/page/home.meetings
5	In office clientele and residents	Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Previously assisted residents	Public Notices and comment forms were sent to public service agencies who had their beneficiaries, board members, and interested parties complete the forms.	There were a total of 15 comments made and submitted in person to our office.	All comments were accepted and noted to be highly positive in nature.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

### **Expected Resources**

### **AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)**

#### Introduction

The City of Harlingen receives entitlement funding from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and Home Investment Partnership (HOME) Program. Harlingen's FY 2019-2020 CDBG funding allocation is \$903,660 and its HOME allocation is \$297,943. The anticipated program income from the City's existing Housing and Rehabilitation/Reconstruction Revolving Loan Fund is expected to be \$35,912.14. There is an estimated \$12,145.23 in HOME Program Income that is expected to be received and retained by the Harlingen Community Development Corporation for its ongoing Affordable Housing Programs. The total amount of funding available to support affordable housing, homelessness, infrastructure and community development programs and projects in the fourth program year is \$1,249,660.37. Additional funding will come from unspent program administration funds, returned funds from projects that finished under budget, and viable projects carrying forward into the 2019-2020 program year. Additional resources are restricted to capital improvement project allocations.

#### **Anticipated Resources**

Program	Source	Uses of Funds	Expec	Expected Amount Available Year 1			Expected	Narrative
	of Funds		Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$	Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Description
CDBG	public	Acquisition						Expected
	-	Admin and						amount
	federal	Planning						for
		Economic						remainder
		Development						of Con
		Housing						Plan
		Public						equals the
		Improvements						allocation
		Public						amount
		Services	903,660	35,912	0	939,572	903,660	for Year 5.

Program	Source	Uses of Funds	Expec	Expected Amount Available Year 1			Expected	Narrative
	of Funds		Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$	Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Description
HOME	public	Acquisition						Expected
	-	Homebuyer						amount
	federal	assistance						for
		Homeowner						remainder
		rehab						of Con
		Multifamily						Plan
		rental new						equals the
		construction						allocation
		Multifamily						amount
		rental rehab						for Year 5.
		New						
		construction						
		for ownership						
		TBRA	297,943	0	0	297,943	297,943	

Table 5 - Expected Resources - Priority Table

# Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

Federal funds will be leveraged through the ability of service organizations to raise program funds through outside sources, other loan sources needed for housing development activities, and the City's General Fund, where appropriate.

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

If more publicly owned land suitable for residential housing becomes available through tax foreclosure or other means, Community Development Staff will submit a request to Administration that such properties be used for the development of affordable housing opportunities.

#### Discussion

The City has programmed approximately \$1.2 million from the CDBG and HOME programs and program income for the FY 2019 program year. These funds will be used to operate a range of private and public services as described later in the Annual Action Plan.

# **Annual Goals and Objectives**

# **AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives**

# **Goals Summary Information**

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Administratio	2015	2019	Administration	Citywide	Administra	CDBG:	Other: 1
	n Objective					tion	\$180,732	Other
							HOME:	
							\$29,700	
2	Infrastructur	2015	2019	Non-Housing	Target	Infrastruct	CDBG:	Public
	e Objective			Community	Area	ure -	\$134,949	Facility or
				Development	Neighborh	Streets and		Infrastruct
					ood	Sidewalks		ure
					Investment			Activities
					Program			other than
								Low/Mode
					CDBG			rate
					Eligible			Income
					Areas			Housing
								Benefit:
								1730
								Persons
								Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	Park and	2015	2019	Non-Housing	Target	Parks and	CDBG:	Public
	Recreation			Community	Area	Recreation	\$150,929	Facility or
	Facilities			Development	Neighborh	Facilities		Infrastruct
	Objective				ood			ure
					Investment			Activities
					Program			other than
								Low/Mode
					CDBG			rate
					Eligible			Income
					Areas			Housing
								Benefit:
								9380
								Persons
								Assisted
4	Senior	2015	2019	Non-Homeless	Citywide	Meals/Foo	CDBG:	Public
	Services -			Special Needs		d	\$18,500	service
	Meals					Pantry/Me		activities
	Objective					als on		other than
						Wheels		Low/Mode
						Senior		rate
						Services		Income
								Housing
								Benefit: 32
								Persons
								Assisted
5	Youth	2015	2019	Non-Homeless	Citywide	Youth	CDBG:	Public
	Services			Special Needs		Services	\$60,000	service
	Objective			Non-Housing				activities
				Community				other than
				Development				Low/Mode
								rate
								Income
								Housing
								Benefit:
								400
								Persons
								Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
6	Healthcare	2015	2019	Non-Homeless	Citywide	Health	CDBG:	Public
	Services			Special Needs		Services/Su	\$18,000	service
	Objective			Non-Housing		bstance		activities
				Community		Abuse		other than
				Development				Low/Mode
								rate
								Income
								Housing
								Benefit: 40
								Persons
								Assisted
7	Domestic	2015	2019	Non-Homeless	Citywide	Domestic	CDBG:	Public
	Violence			Special Needs		Violence	\$27,000	service
	Objective			Non-Housing		Shelters		activities
				Community		Domestic		other than
				Development		Violence/C		Low/Mode
						hild Abuse		rate
								Income
								Housing
								Benefit:
								240
								Persons
								Assisted
8	Homeowner	2015	2019	Affordable	Target	Administra	CDBG:	Homeown
	Rehabilitatio			Housing	Area	tion	\$292,412	er Housing
	n Objective				Neighborh	Housing		Rehabilitat
					ood	Rehabilitati		ed: 3
					Investment	on and		Household
					Program	Reconstruc		Housing
					Citywide	tion		Unit

Sort	<b>Goal Name</b>	Start	End	Category	Geographic	Needs	Funding	Goal
Order		Year	Year		Area	Addressed		Outcome
								Indicator
9	Housing	2015	2019	Affordable	Target	Housing	HOME:	Homeown
	Development			Housing	Area	Developme	\$268,243	er Housing
	Objective				Neighborh	nt		Added: 2
					ood			Household
					Investment			Housing
					Program			Unit
					Citywide			Direct
								Financial
								Assistance
								to
								Homebuye
								rs: 4
								Household
								s Assisted
10	Demolition	2015	2019	Non-Housing	Citywide	Demolition	CDBG:	Buildings
	of Unsafe			Community		/Removal	\$57,050	Demolishe
	Structures			Development		of Slum		d: 25
	Objective					and Blight		Buildings

Table 6 - Goals Summary

# **Goal Descriptions**

1	Goal Name	Administration Objective
	Goal Description	Program Administration: General administration, staffing and equipment; and develop, administer, revise, implement and evaluate the day-to-day operation of entitlement programs. Activities include program design; develop Annual Plans and grant administration; Sub recipient compliance monitoring, program outreach, public relations and training; environmental review and labor standards.
2	Goal Name	Infrastructure Objective
	Goal Description	Street Improvements to be made include the reconstruction of 3 cul-de-sacs located within a low income public housing community.
3	Goal Name	Park and Recreation Facilities Objective
	Goal Description	Support the improvement to parks in low and moderate income census tracts.

4	<b>Goal Name</b>	Senior Services - Meals Objective
	Goal Description	Senior Services – Funds will be used to provide senior services for low to moderate income persons at 80% or below the median income.
5	<b>Goal Name</b>	Youth Services Objective
	Goal Description	Youth Services – Funds will be used to provide youth services for low to moderate income children at 80% or below the median income within the City of Harlingen. The strategic goal is to provide for youth recreation and educational enrichment.
6	<b>Goal Name</b>	Healthcare Services Objective
	Goal Description	Funds will be used to provide for a 24-hour facility for care of 40 terminally ill patients.
7	<b>Goal Name</b>	Domestic Violence Objective
	Goal Description	Funds will be used for low to moderate income people at 80% or below the median income within the City of Harlingen. CDBG funds used to support the salary and benefits of Children's Advocacy Staff providing services, counseling, clothing, furniture and household items to abused and neglected children.
8	<b>Goal Name</b>	Homeowner Rehabilitation Objective
	Goal Description	Homeowner Rehabilitation - Provide deferred grants and Zero to 2% interest loans to low/mod income elderly and disabled homeowners for major repairs and correction of recognized hazards to health and safety such as leaking roofs, failed heating systems, unsafe wiring, failed plumbing and other necessary and eligible repairs. Each loan is secured by a lien on the property with repayment due upon sale or transfer of property by owner(s). Benefit – Low/mod income households.
9	Goal Name	Housing Development Objective
	Goal Description	Provide funding for closing cost and gap financing for first time homebuyers purchasing a home for owner occupancy. Eligible applicants are low and moderate-income at 80% or below the median income citywide.
10	Goal Name	Demolition of Unsafe Structures Objective
	Goal Description	Demolition of unsafe, unsanitary structures in neighborhoods that pose a health and safety threat to the community. CDBG funds will cover costs associated with the Texas National Guard's Operation Crack Down Program to demolish approximately 25 structures that are unsafe and a haven for criminal activity.

# **Projects**

# **AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)**

#### Introduction

The following projects were developed by staff with consultation from non-profit service providers and community input through priorities established with involvement of the community survey.

#### **Projects**

#	Project Name
1	City Parks- Hunter Park Improvements 2019
2	Street Improvements- (Los Vecinos Area) 2019
3	Clearance and Demolition 2019
4	Amigos del Valle 2019
5	Area Agency on Aging 2019
6	Boys & Girls Club 2019
7	Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) 2019
8	Family Crisis Center 2019
9	Sunshine Haven 2019
10	Housing Rehabilitation/Reconstruction Program 2019
11	Housing Rehabilitation Administration 2019
12	CDBG General Administration 2019
13	HOME Affordable Housing- Habitat for Humanity 2019
14	HOME City of Harlingen Affordable Housing Programs 2019
15	General Administration of the HOME Program 2019
16	2019 CHDO Set Aside

**Table 7 - Project Information** 

# Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

The projects listed above were selected from the total of project proposals received in accordance with their consistency with the priorities established through the Consolidated Plan forums and community survey process. These projects meet needs enumerated in the Needs Assessment and prioritization process to the extent that funding was available. Organizational competencies were also considered when selecting one project over another, leaning toward those organizations with long-standing histories of successful project management. In addition, community input was strongly considered regarding the service agencies that were selected for funding.

# **AP-38 Project Summary**

# **Project Summary Information**

1	Project Name	City Parks- Hunter Park Improvements 2019
	Target Area	CDBG Eligible Areas
	Goals Supported	Park and Recreation Facilities Objective
	Needs Addressed	Parks and Recreation Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$150,929
	Description	Funds will be utilized to replace the existing playground, install a standalone playground component and relocate the swings to the south side of the playground area. The scope also includes the construction of a 5 foot wide sidewalk all around the playground area and a link to the parking lot as well as the installation of a 4 foot fence separating the playground from the parking lot.
	Target Date	9/15/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 9,380 persons will benefit from this project, 5,305 being from low to moderate income households.
	Location Description	Hunter park is located at 1616 North 3rd Street and McGregor Street on the north part of the City.
	Planned Activities	Funds will be utilized to replace the existing playground, install a standalone playground component and relocate the swings to the south side of the playground area. The scope also includes the construction of a 5 foot wide sidewalk all around the playground area and a link to the parking lot as well as the installation of a 4 foot fence separating the playground from the parking lot.
2	Project Name	Street Improvements- (Los Vecinos Area) 2019
	Target Area	Target Area Neighborhood Investment Program CDBG Eligible Areas
	Goals Supported	Infrastructure Objective
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure - Streets and Sidewalks
	Funding	CDBG: \$134,949

	Description	Funds will be utilized to reconstruct cul-de-sac streets located within a low-
		income public housing community.
	Target Date	9/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The streets are located within a low income public housing development. The total persons affected are 1,730 with 925 (53.47%) being low-to-moderate income persons.
	Location Description	The streets to be reconstructed are located within the Los Vecinos Public Housing development at 702 S. M Street, Harlingen, Texas.
	Planned Activities	Funds will be utilized to reconstruct three cul-de-sac streets within the City of Harlingen.
3	Project Name	Clearance and Demolition 2019
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Demolition of Unsafe Structures Objective
	Needs Addressed	Demolition/Removal of Slum and Blight
	Funding	CDBG: \$57,050
	Description	Funds will be utilized to demolish approximately 25 unsafe structures throughout the city of Harlingen. Funding will be leveraged with General Funds and the work of the Texas National Guard.
Target Date		9/15/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 25 structures will be demolished in partnership with the Texas National Guard. The project will help protect the public's health, safety, and general welfare by removing these vacant, dilapidated structures and will aesthetically improve our neighborhoods and the community.
	Location Description	The buildings that will be demolished are located in scattered sites in low to moderate income neighborhoods throughout the community. The project location is City-Wide.
	Planned Activities	The project calls for the demolition of unsafe structures throughout the City. The structures may be demolished either by the Texas National Guard or through local contractors.
4	Project Name	Amigos del Valle 2019
	Target Area	Citywide
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	Goals Supported	ed Senior Services - Meals Objective	
	Needs Addressed	Senior Services Meals/Food Pantry/Meals on Wheels	
	Funding	CDBG: \$13,500	
	Description	Project calls for daily meal delivery services to homebound seniors.	
	Target Date	8/31/2020	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 12 Harlingen seniors will receive home delivered meals daily.	
	<b>Location Description</b>	Citywide.	
	Planned Activities	CDBG funds will provide 2,727 home delivered lunch meals at the service rate of \$4.95 per meal to twelve (12) homebound seniors over a period of 227 service days.	
5	Project Name	Area Agency on Aging 2019	
	Target Area	Citywide	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Healthcare Services Objective	
	Needs Addressed	Disability Services Senior Services	
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000	
	Description	CDBG funds will provide elderly and disabled Harlingen seniors with medication, supplies, and medical equipment.	
	Target Date	8/31/2020	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 20 elderly and disabled residents will benefit from this project.	
	Location Description	Citywide.	
	Planned Activities	Funding will provide elderly and disabled Harlingen residents with medication, supplies, and medical equipment. The cost to provide services is \$250 per resident.	
6	Project Name	Boys & Girls Club 2019	

	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Youth Services Objective
	Needs Addressed	Youth Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$60,000
	Description	Project provides low-income youths with an opportunity to participate in supervised and safe educational and recreational programs throughout the year.
	Target Date	8/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	A total of 400 Harlingen low-income youths will receive services from this activity.
	Location Description	Citywide.
	Planned Activities	The program focuses on the constructive and fun activities in three of the club's satellite units as well as at the main unit. Low-income youths are given an opportunity to participate in supervised and safe educational and recreational programs throughout the year.
7	Project Name	Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) 2019
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Domestic Violence Objective
	Needs Addressed	Domestic Violence/Child Abuse
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	Funds will be used to support a portion of the salary of those providing services to children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse and/or neglect and their case is currently in the court system.
	Target Date	8/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is anticipated that 105 children will benefit from this project.
	Location Description	Citywide.

	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to support a portion of the salary of those providing services to children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse and/or neglect and their case is currently in the court system. Trained members from the community who have regular contact with these children provide an independent report to the Child Protection Court Judge.
8 Project Name Family Crisis Center 2019		Family Crisis Center 2019
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Domestic Violence Objective
	Needs Addressed	Domestic Violence/Child Abuse
	Funding	CDBG: \$12,000
	Description	Advocacy services for abused and neglected children.
	Target Date	8/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is anticipated that 135 abused and/or neglected children will be served.
	Location Description	Citywide.
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to support the salary and benefits of the Children's Advocate, whose duties include providing advocacy services, counseling, and nonviolent play activities to children residing in the domestic violence emergency shelter and visiting the Service Center.
9	Project Name	Sunshine Haven 2019
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Healthcare Services Objective
	Needs Addressed	Disability Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$18,000
	Description	Terminally ill residents are provided with 24 hour comfort care that includes feedings, medication administration, repositions, laundry, breathing treatments, etc.
	Target Date	8/31/2020
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	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 40 terminally ill residents are anticipated to be served.
	Location Description	The agency is located at 7105 West Lakeside Blvd in Olmito, Texas. This is approximately 17 miles from the City of Harlingen, however, only City of Harlingen residents will be served with these funds.
	Planned Activities	The funds will be used to provide 40 terminally ill Harlingen residents with 24 hour comfort care in a peaceful, homelike, loving atmosphere where they may pass away peacefully and with dignity.
10	Project Name	Housing Rehabilitation/Reconstruction Program 2019
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Homeowner Rehabilitation Objective
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction
	Funding	CDBG: \$250,412
	Description	Single family housing rehabilitation and/or reconstruction of owner occupied single family homes. (\$214,500 = 2019 Entitlement CDBG Funds & \$35,912.14 = Anticipated CDBG Program Income for Project total of \$250,412.14)
	Target Date	9/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 3 low income families will benefit from this project.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Citywide.
	Planned Activities	Project will provide loans, grants, and zero interest loans to low and moderate income homeowners for the correction of recognized hazards to health and safety such as leaking roofs, failed heating and cooling systems, unsafe wiring, failed plumbing, and other necessary and eligible repairs. Each loan is secured by a lien on the property with repayment due upon sale or transfer of property by owner.
11	Project Name	Housing Rehabilitation Administration 2019
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Administration Objective

	Needs Addressed	Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$42,000
	Description	Activity involves the administrative support and project-related expenses for the Housing Rehabilitation/Reconstruction Loan Program.
	Target Date	9/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	<b>Location Description</b>	502 E. Tyler Ave., Harlingen, Texas.
	Planned Activities	To support administrative costs including salaries, benefits and other project related expenses to administer the Housing Rehabilitation/Reconstruction Loan Program.
12	Project Name	CDBG General Administration 2019
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Administration Objective
	Needs Addressed	Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$180,732
	Description	Administrative support for the administration of the CDBG Program.
	Target Date	9/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	<b>Location Description</b>	502 E. Tyler Ave., Harlingen, Texas
	Planned Activities	This activity will provide for the planning, oversight, coordination, staff supervision, monitoring and evaluation, contracting, record keeping, and overall program management. Technical assistance will also be provided for special projects that foster housing and community development opportunities.
13	Project Name	HOME Affordable Housing- Habitat for Humanity 2019
	Target Area	Citywide

	Goals Supported	Housing Development Objective	
	Needs Addressed	Housing Development	
	Funding	HOME: \$90,000	
	Description	Construction of 3 new homes for low to moderate income families that may not qualify for a traditional mortgage loan.	
	Target Date	9/30/2020	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 3 low income families will be assisted with this program.	
	<b>Location Description</b>	Citywide	
	Planned Activities	Funds will assist with the construction of 3 new homes for low to moderate income families that may not qualify for a traditional mortgage loan. Once the family is selected, they will attend an financial literacy class, contribute 300 sweat equity hours, and make affordable monthly mortgage payments.	
14	Project Name	HOME City of Harlingen Affordable Housing Programs 2019	
	Target Area	Citywide	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Housing Development Objective	
	Needs Addressed	Housing Assistance Housing Development	
	Funding	HOME: \$133,543	
	Description	New construction, gap financing, or closing cost assistance for eligible first-time homebuyers.	
	Target Date	9/30/2020	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is anticipated that 6 low to moderate income first time homebuyers will be assisted with affordable housing.	
	<b>Location Description</b>	Citywide	
	Planned Activities	Funds will be utilized for new construction or to provide direct homebuyer assistance of up to \$25,000 to low and moderate income households for closing costs, and gap financing.	

15	Project Name	General Administration of the HOME Program 2019
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Administration Objective
	Needs Addressed	Administration
	Funding	HOME: \$29,700
	Description	Administrative support for the HOME Program.
	Target Date	9/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	<b>Location Description</b>	502 E. Tyler, Harlingen, Texas.
		The support of administrative costs including staff salaries and benefits, and other expenses related to the planning and execution of the HOME Program as allowed under 24 CFR 92.207.
16	Project Name	2019 CHDO Set Aside
	Target Area	CDBG Eligible Areas
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Housing Development Objective
	Needs Addressed	Housing Development Housing for Seniors, Disabled, ADA Compliance Fair Housing Outreach and Education
	Funding	HOME: \$44,700
	Description	Required 15% of CHDO set aside. Currently working to identify a CHDO, however funds continue to be allocated for this purpose.
	Target Date	9/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	We estimate that 1 to 2 families will benefit from these funds.
	<b>Location Description</b>	City-Wide
	Planned Activities	Housing development activities undergone by CHDO.

# AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

# Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

Much of the funding from the CDBG program is available for use in any of the CDBG eligible neighborhoods or citywide, depending on the specifics of the designated activities. Also, some funding is available according to individual benefit rather than area benefit. It is, therefore, difficult to provide reasonable projections of the distribution of funds by target area. The numbers below are strictly estimates based on experience.

## **Geographic Distribution**

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Citywide	45
CDBG Eligible Areas	55

**Table 8 - Geographic Distribution** 

#### Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The proposed allocation of funds is based on federal funding requirements for each formula-allocated grant. Areas of low to moderate-income concentration and certain areas of high minority concentration are targeted. Areas of low homeownership and deteriorating housing conditions were also considered in the targeting process.

#### Discussion

The distribution of funds by target area is projected to be primarily citywide due to use of funds for administrative, non-profit support, and individual benefit-oriented programmatic uses of the funds. The remaining funds are estimated to be spread through smaller CDBG-eligible areas.

# **Affordable Housing**

# AP-55 Affordable Housing - 91.220(g)

## Introduction

The annual goals listed previously specify the following production numbers for housing assistance and for homeless, non-homeless, and special needs populations.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	10
Special-Needs	2
Total	12

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through		
Rental Assistance	0	
The Production of New Units	3	
Rehab of Existing Units	3	
Acquisition of Existing Units	6	
Total	12	

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

### **Discussion**

These figures relate to production targets specified in the annual goals for 2019. CDBG funding for these activities may target more households.

**AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)** 

Introduction

The Harlingen Housing Authority manages 498 public housing units through its Low Rent Housing Program along with approximately 733 Section 8 vouchers and 82 VASH units in scattered site housing.

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

The City provides meeting notices along with information regarding activities funded with CDBG and HOME program funds to the Housing Authority for distribution to residents and interested parties. Homeownership Education classes are held at public housing locations (in addition to the project based self help programs) to encourage residents of public housing to work towards homeownership. The City will coordinate with the Harlingen Housing Authority and Cameron County Housing Authority to increase the number of families transitioning from transitional housing to permanent housing. We are currently working with an elderly/disabled couple to convert their Section 8 Voucher to a Homeownership Choice Voucher.

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

The Harlingen Housing Authority will continue to have resident councils at each housing development. Harlingen will work closely with the Public Housing Authority to provide the PHA's with information regarding affordable housing opportunities and homebuyer education classes.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

Not applicable.

Discussion

Affordable housing is a high priority in our area for owners and renters. Families that are not ready for homeownership are provided affordable rental housing and attend self sufficiency classes through the Public Housing Authority as a means to prepare the family for homeownership.

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)

Introduction

The City of Harlingen actively participates with the Cameron County Homeless Partnership, which addresses issues related to homelessness in the region. Funding sources for homeless projects and

services are primarily allocated through that partnership and their resources.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness

including

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their

individual needs

The Cameron County Homeless Partnership, the local coalition of homeless service agencies, conducts annual surveys of homeless individuals, including unsheltered persons. These surveys serve to help plan agency activities for the coming year, as well as to provide documentation in response to HUD program requirements. Loaves & Fishes of RGV is our local shelter and soup kitchen for the homeless population. This agency conducts on site visits of areas known to be populated by homeless persons to obtain and

assess data on their medical, financial, housing, and other needs.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

In the 2019-2020 program year, Harlingen is allocating funding to the Family Crisis Center to support child advocacy services at the domestic violence shelter. This agency serves as an emergency shelter for

persons fleeing from desperate situations at their present homes, thus becoming homeless.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were

recently homeless from becoming homeless again

During FY 2019-2020, the City of Harlingen will continue to use General Fund Revenues to address the needs of homeless individuals and their families by supporting the operations of Loaves & Fishes of the

Rio Grande Valley.

The City will also use its CDBG and HOME funds to assist in preventing homelessness by:

- Supporting housing rehabilitation programs for persons at risk of becoming homeless;
- Supporting reconstruction and new construction of affordable housing units throughout the City to provide safe, decent, and affordable housing for low-income persons;
- Funding social service organizations that provide referral services to local residents;
- Providing training space to Texas Homeless Network, Texas Homeless Education Organization, and HUD Training Consultants for homeless training;
- Participating in the State's Balance of State Continuum of Care (CoC) application and planning process;
- Participating in the RGV Family & Youth Homelessness Task Force in an effort to reduce barriers to services for homeless families and youth;
- Providing CDBG funds to the Family Crisis Center to provide child advocacy and therapy services for abused/neglected children staying at the domestic violence shelter.

Services continue to be provided to homeless individuals and families in Harlingen and surrounding areas through the following organizations:

Loaves and Fishes of the Rio Grande Valley in Harlingen is the "one-stop" service center for those who are homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless. Services include: emergency shelter, job training and placement services, giving emergency monetary and non-monetary aid to families in distress, a food pantry, weatherization assistance, financial education, substance abuse counseling, and the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Program. Loaves & Fishes holds health living events twice a month including blood pressure and diabetes screening, flu shots, and educational programs offered by local providers. Prescription assistance has been expanded to include durable medical goods, vision and dental care, and a diaper bank.

The Family Crisis Center provides temporary shelter and sustenance for battered spouses, their children, and victims of sexual assault in Cameron and Willacy Counties along with extensive education and violence prevention programs.

La Posada Providencia provides temporary residence/shelter for documented refugees. Homeless men, women, and children with no or minimal income who have fled to the U.S. from countries with oppressive regimes, famine, or natural disaster and who are in the legal process of seeking asylum or other permanent residency are served at this shelter.

Harlingen Family Endeavors provides homelessness prevention services for eligible Veterans, offering outreach, case management, help in obtaining Veterans Administration (VA) benefits, and assistance in obtaining and coordinating other public benefits. Qualified Veterans and their families, who agree to a 90 day case management program, may receive temporary financial assistance with rent, utilities, deposits and moving costs. This program is only for Veterans with very, very low income such as those who are homeless or have recently been served with an eviction notice; veterans transitioning from homeless shelters.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

Homeless prevention is a major focus of the participants in the Cameron County Housing Partnership. Agencies include homeless prevention as a support program in conjunction with the provision of shelter and other support services. The City uses General Fund dollars to support the operations of Loaves and Fishes, the City's homeless shelter, job training program, soup kitchen, and food pantry.

#### **Discharge Coordination Policy**

The Homeless Network has developed a uniform Client Exit Form for all of its participating entities to use. This was developed for several reasons. It was a part of the HMIS planning process to bring consensus and raise understanding of what would be needed as part of a uniform tracking system for clients. However, the Homeless Network encountered problems regarding the release of individuals from publicly funded institutions. In particular, the prisons and mental health facilities stated that releasing information on discharged clients was a violation of their privacy, and they would not be able to participate in the Network's efforts to prevent these individuals from becoming homeless and requiring homeless assistance.

#### Discussion

The participants in the Cameron County Homeless Partnership work closely together to meet the needs of homeless individuals and families through the continuum of services coordinated through the partnership.

# AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing - 91.220(j)

#### Introduction:

The City commissioned an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) performed by the consulting firm JQUAD Planning Group, LLC. The AI included an examination of public policies, City regulations including land use plans, regional planning initiatives, building and zoning ordinances; local and state fair housing legislation and HUD Fair Housing Complaint Data; and Entitlement Funding and program delivery system. The resulting analyses and AI report did not reveal any public policy concerns that were adversely impacting affordable housing. The resulting analysis did not reveal any gaps in the Harlingen Institutional Structure to provide housing and services. The City of Harlingen continues to successfully administer its Entitlement funding in accordance with Federal Regulations and consistent with the Consolidated Plan. The Analysis of Impediments and the review of any barriers to affordable housing did reveal the need for additional resources to address the needs of affordable housing and services in the City of Harlingen. Additional Entitlement resources and non-federal resources are needed.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

To overcome impediments identified in the AI, the following actions will be taken:

- Support the increased production of affordable housing through public and private partnerships with developers and capacity building for nonprofits.
- Continue to help facilitate access to below-market-rate priced units by leveraging federal funds with other funding (state low income tax credit, federal home loan bank, private sector).
- Maintain a list of private partner lenders providing affordable housing financing/subsidies and offer buyers access to down payment, closing costs.
- Identify and support local developers seeking additional federal, state, and private sources of funds for affordable housing.
- Encourage private sector support for market and mixed rate affordable housing.
- Support fair housing workshops or information sessions among non-English speaking populations and low income persons.
- Partner with local industry to conduct ongoing outreach/education regarding fair housing and provide information, and multi-lingual fair housing flyers and pamphlets in a variety of public locations and continue to provide outreach to non English speaking people.
- Encourage Fair Housing Enforcement Agencies to target increase fair housing testing for multifamily properties and encourage HUD to provide increased fair housing testing in local apartment complexes.

- Apply for competitive and Non-Entitlement State and Federal funding and assistance from nonprofit intermediaries for financial literacy education programs as funding becomes available.
   Financial literacy will be utilized as a means of preventing poor credit and understanding the importance of good credit.
- Encourage banks and traditional lenders to offer products addressing the needs of households with poor and marginal credit negatively impacting their ability to qualify for mortgages.
- Continue to provide language assistance to persons with limited English proficiency as funding is available.
- Encourage recruitment of industry and job creation that provide "living wages", incomes to pay for basic necessities of food, shelter, transportation, to persons currently unable to afford market rate housing.
- Support programs of self-help and community and housing improvement initiatives as funds become available.
- Increase self-help "fix-up", "paint-up", or "clean-up" campaigns and "corporate repair projects".

#### Discussion:

To raise awareness regarding barriers to affordable housing, the City will proclaim "Fair Housing Month" in April. Information regarding discrimination and action that renters or homebuyers may take and HUD authorized pamphlets are available at the Community Development Office.

City staff will provide assistance to any Harlingen resident filing a federal fair housing discrimination complaint; provide intake services and forward the complaint to the appropriate HUD office. To date, Harlingen has not assisted anyone in filing a fair housing discrimination complaint. As such, the status and/or disposition of any filed complaints are not part of the City's records.

During the month of June, the City, in conjunction with local affordable housing providers and partners, will proclaim June as Affordable Housing Month. Information will be disseminated regarding affordable housing in both English and Spanish.

Posters and brochures regarding Fair Housing are distributed to non-profits, local agencies, and governmental offices to raise awareness.

Affordable housing remains a "High" Priority and will continue to be addressed using CDBG and HOME funds. The City will attempt to ameliorate, to the extent feasible, any conditions that serve as barriers to construction, maintenance, or development of affordable housing units.

**AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)** 

Introduction:

The City currently provides a variety of services to the residents of Harlingen, some funded by CDBG allocations, with private, State, and City funding bringing additional assets to bear on these problems. Below are some of the actions currently performed by the City or under consideration for the future.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City will continue to look for new funding sources for programs to address underserved needs. Funding is the major obstacle in providing the services needed to focus on the vast variety of issues that prevent families from breaking out of poverty and from living in the best, most affordable housing possible.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City will consider providing financial assistance for Low Income Housing Tax Credit Projects for affordable housing development to expand multi-family rental development projects and homeownership opportunities when those projects are present for review. Additionally, acquisition, soft costs, and site development funds will be used for affordable housing development.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City will continue its lead-based paint hazard education and testing elements of its homeowner rehabilitation program. As per the most recent data found in the Department of State Health and Human Services website, a total of 6,886 children in Cameron County were tested for elevated levels of lead in their blood; 126 had elevated blood levels (1.83%) which is slightly lower than the State's lead elevated blood level rate of 1.90%.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City will continue its efforts in conjunction with the Cameron County Homeless Partnership to reduce the number of poverty-level families through the development of services needed to assist those families with educational opportunities, job growth, and life skills training through the various social service agencies operating in the city.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Work with non-profit organizations to address community needs and provide support to federal

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- and non-federal funding initiatives.
- Work with private industry to address important issues that hamper housing and community development efforts.
- Identify opportunities to create private/public partnerships for project finance and development to leverage federal funds.

# Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

The City will continue to coordinate planning activities with private housing and social service agencies, including participation in the Cameron County Homeless Partnership meetings and enumeration of point-in-time and homeless surveys. City staff will also continue its participation in other coalitions and study groups as the opportunities arise.

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#### **Discussion:**

These actions are primarily the continuation of what the City is currently doing in the various areas. No major obstacles in the institutional structure have been identified that need to be addressed. The City is also satisfied with its efforts to coordinate with private housing and social service agencies.

# **Program Specific Requirements**

# AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

#### Introduction:

The following provides details on program specific requirements for each of the two entitlement programs, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME).

It is the City of Harlingen's policy that at least 80% of all CDBG dollars be used to support activities that benefit low and moderate income persons and projects that are of high priority. Traditionally, the City sets aside less than 20% of its annual entitlement allocation to support program administrative activities.

In accordance with 24CFR92.500(d)(2), the City of Harlingen traditionally commits more than the required 15% of its HOME allocation to Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs). In 2019-2020, the City allocated \$90,000.00 to Rio Grande Habitat for Humanity, Inc., a local affordable housing organization for the development of 3 new affordable housing units.

# Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

	Total Program Income:	C
5.	The amount of income from float-funded activities	C
4.	The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	C
3.	The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	C
2.	The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	C
1.	The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	C

## **Other CDBG Requirements**

1. The amount of urgent need activities

0

2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.

80.00%

# HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:

The City of Harlingen will use no other forms of investment other than those described in 24 CFR 92.205(b) in the administration of HOME funds. As an economically distressed area, the City has been waived from its HOME matching requirement.

Although exempt, each homebuyer who receives down payment and closing cost assistance through the Affordable Housing Programs benefits from a 2 to 1 leverage from private lending institutions.

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

The City of Harlingen has adopted a Recapture Policy that serves to address the continued affordability of housing units acquired with HOME funds. Under the Affordable Housing Programs funded through the City of Harlingen, the homeowner must occupy the HOME assisted unit as their principal residence throughout the period of affordability, which is based on the amount of direct HOME subsidy as specified in 24 CFR 92.254:

Amount of Homebuyer	Subsidy Minimum Affordability Period	Rate of Forgiveness
Less than \$14,999	5 years	1/5 or 20% per year
\$15,000 - \$40,000	10 years	1/10 or 10% per year
Over \$40,000	15 years	1/15 or 6.67% per year

If net proceeds from the sale or foreclosure are not sufficient to repay the City loan, the City will instead accept the amount of the net sales proceeds as the amount to recaptured and thereby, satisfy all programmatic requirements.

The principal amount of HOME assistance shall be deferred and forgiven in accordance with the appropriate schedules above and shall be forgiven in its entirety upon expiration of the affordability period.

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

Should the homeowner commit, by omission or commission, an event of default at any time during the affordability period, the City shall recapture the remaining unforgiven principal.

Recapture of the HOME funds will be determined as follows: The Owner's investment (down payment and closing costs paid by the owner, if any, and capital improvements made by the owner since purchase) will be returned first before any HOME funds are recaptured. The direct HOME subsidy is then repaid to the extent that proceeds are available as follows: Sales Price minus Senior Lien Note Balance minus Owner's Investment minus HOME Down Payment Assistance minus Costs of Sale equals Net Proceeds.

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

The City does not intend to use HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is being rehabilitated with HOME funds. In addition, the funds will not be used to refinance multifamily loans made or insured by any federal program. The City is aware that HOME funds cannot be used to refinance multifamily loans made or insured by any federal program, including CDBG.

The City strives to meet all program specific requirements as detailed in the enabling legislation and program guidelines. City staff work with subgrantees to ensure that these requirements are met and oversees internal operations towards the same goal. There have been no significant changes in the housing market conditions since the consolidated plan.

The HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds may be used to carry out a variety of eligible affordable housing activities, including down-payment assistance, closing cost assistance, and gap financing for the purchase of existing single-family homes that meet Uniform Physical Condition Standards, acquisition/new construction of single-family homes, and reconstruction of homeowner-occupied homes. Participation is on a first come, first serve basis. Applications are available at our office and program inquiries can be submitted through our web site. For those homebuyers that may need to establish a rental history and nontraditional credit in order to qualify for a mortgage loan, HOME funds may be used to implement a lease-purchase program. Finally, HOME funds may be used for the acquisition/rehabilitation of rental housing, and the development of new rental housing. Affordable Housing Programs will be administered through the City's Community Development Department.

There have been no significant changes in the market conditions since the market analysis therefore, we are continuing a presumption of affordability.

## **Attachments**

#### **Citizen Participation Comments**



## **Public Comments**



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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. Although I am not a resident of the City of Harlingen, our organization is provided a federal mandate to advocate on behalf the seniors of the community. This City of Harlingen is the second Jargest city in Cameron County. The 60+population according to the 2017 American FactFinder report is 11,979 or 18.3% of the general population. This segment of the population have some unique needs or greater needs such as safe and sanitary housing, transportation, access to appropriate health care, and access to long-term care and support services. For the 2019 - 2020 program year, CDBG is providing 15% of its Public Services funding for senior services. Parks and Recreation needs to reach out to senior organizations such as Amigos Del Valle to coordinate activities with seniors.

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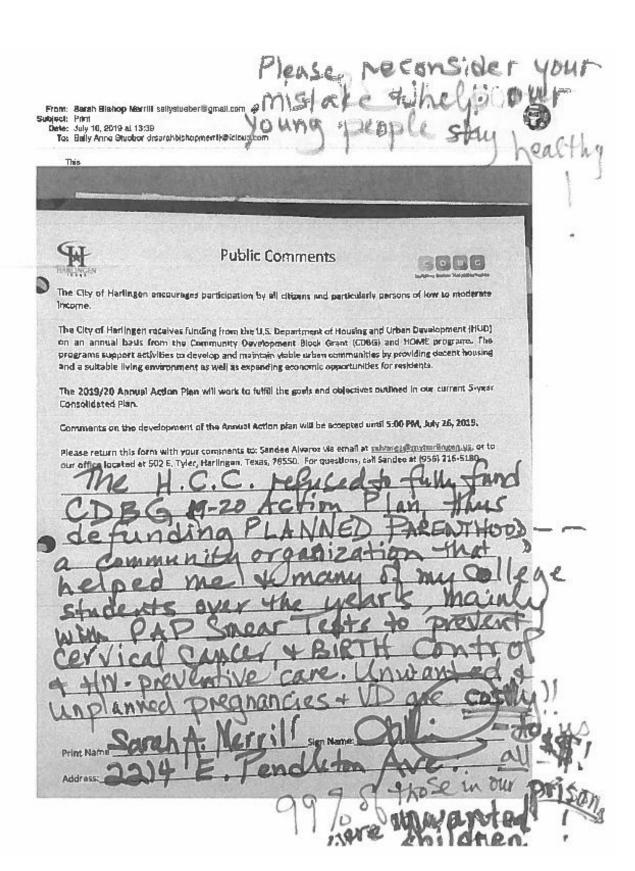
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Print Name

Sharon Swanson

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the day of June 2019

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#### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the City of Harlingen has developed its One Year Action Plan (Budget). The Community Development Advisory Board will conduct a Public Hearing on Thursday, July 11, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room located within the Lon C Hill Building, 502 E. Tyler, Harlingen, Texas 78550. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to obtain comments on the City of Harlingen's Draft Proposed 2019-2020 One-Year Action Plan (Budget). The City of Harlingen is expected to receive an allocation of \$903,660.00 for its 45<sup>th</sup> year of the Community Development Block Grant Program plus anticipated program income (revolving fund) in the amount of \$35,912.14, and \$12,145.23 in program income to be received by Harlingen Community Development Corporation; and \$297,943.00 for the 25<sup>th</sup> year of the HOME Program.

The 2019-2020 One-Year Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program and HOME Program will be submitted to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), 615 E. Houston Street, Suite 347, San Antonio, Texas, 78205 prior to August 15, 2019. HUD will review the One-Year Action Plan (Budget) and is expected to approve the plan by October 1, 2019. Interested parties are encouraged to attend the public hearing and make their views known on the Draft Proposed One-Year Action Plan (Budget) on the date and time so noted or call (956) 216-5180 or come by the City of Harlingen Community Development office located at 502 E. Tyler, Harlingen, Texas 78550. A more detailed listing of activities and an explanation of the budget will be made available to any interested party at the public hearing and throughout the comment period. The One-Year Action Plan (Budget) may also be viewed at the following locations:

Community Development Department, 502 E. Tyler; Harlingen Public Library, 410 '76 Drive; Office of the City Secretary, 118 E. Tyler; and Harlingen Housing Authority, 219 E. Jackson; all located in Harlingen, Texas.

The citizens' 30-day comment period for the One-Year Action Plan is between June 27, 2019, and July 26, 2019. Comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 26, 2019.

Accommodations for individuals with handicaps/disabilities or limited English proficiency shall be assisted upon request by calling (956)216-5180 or TTY 1-800-735-2989 at least 3 days prior to the meeting date and time.

The City of Harlingen does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, national origin or any other protected class.

#### AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA

Se da aviso que la Ciudad de Harlingen ha desarrollado su Plan de Acción de Un Año (Presupuesto). Habrá una Audiencia Pública el jueves 11 de Julio de 2019 a las 5:30 p.m. en la sala de conferencias ubicada dentro del Edificio Lon C Hill, 502 E. Tyler, Harlingen, Texas 78550. El propósito de la Audiencia Pública es obtener comentarios sobre el Proyecto de Plan de Acción de un año (Presupuesto) 2019-2020 de la Ciudad de Harlingen. Se espera que la Ciudad de Harlingen reciba una asignación de \$903,660.00 para su 45º año del Programa de Subsidios Globales de Desarrollo Comunitario más ingresos anticipados del programa (fondo rotatorio) en la cantidad de \$35,912.14, y \$12,145.23 en ingresos del programa de Harlingen Community Development Corporation; y \$297,943.00 por el 25º año del Programa HOME.

El Plan de Acción de 2019-2020 para el Programa de Derecho a Subsidios Globales de Desarrollo Comunitario y el Programa HOME se presentará al Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos (HUD), 615 E. Houston Street, Suite 347, San Antonio, Texas, 78205 antes del 15 de Agosto de 2019. HUD revisará el Plan de Acción de un año (Presupuesto) y se espera que apruebe el plan antes del 1 de Octubre de 2019. Se alienta a las personas interesadas a venir a la audiencia pública y dar sus puntos de vista sobre el Anteproyecto Plan de Acción de un año (Presupuesto) en la fecha y hora indicadas o llame al (956)216-5180 o visite la oficina de Desarrollo Comunitario de la Ciudad de Harlingen ubicada en 502 E. Tyler, Harlingen, Texas 78550. Una lista más detallada de las actividades y una explicación del presupuesto se pondrán a disposición de cualquier parte interesada en la audiencia pública y durante todo el período de comentarios. El plan de acción de un año (presupuesto) también se puede ver en los siguientes lugares:

Departamento de Desarrollo Comunitario, 502 E. Tyler; Harlingen Public Library, 410 '76 Drive; Oficina del Secretario de la Ciudad, 118 E. Tyler; y la Autoridad de Vivienda de Harlingen, 219 E. Jackson; todos ubicados en Harlingen, Texas.

El período de comentarios de 30 días de los ciudadanos para el Plan de acción de un año es entre el 27 de Junio de 2019 y el 26 de Julio de 2019. Los comentarios se aceptarán hasta las 5:00 p.m. el viernes, 26 de Julio de 2019.

Los alojamientos para individuos con discapacidades o incapacidades o pericia inglesa limitada están disponibles por la solicitud llamando al (956) 216-5180 o TTY 1-800-735-2989 al menos 3 días antes de la fecha y hora de la reunión.

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#### C.D.B.G. AND HOME FUNDS PROPOSED 2019-2020 ONE YEAR ACTION PLAN BUDGET

C.D.B.G. Allocation	\$	903,660.00
HOME Allocation	\$	297,943.00
Anticipated Program Income (from Housing Assistance Loans to City)	\$	35,912.14
Anticipated Program Income (to HCDC)	\$	12,145.23
Combined Total Allocations	\$1	,249,660.37
03F - Parks, Recreation Facilities – Hunter Park Improvements	\$	150,929.00
03K - Public Facilities - Street Improvements (Los Vecinos Area)	\$	134,949.00
04 - Clearance & Demolition	\$	57,050.00
05A - Public Services (Seniors) Amigos del Valle	\$	13,500.00
05A - Public Services (Seniors) Area Agency on Aging	\$	5,000.00
05D - Public Services (Youth) Boys & Girls Club	\$	60,000.00
05N - Public Services (Abused Children) CASA	\$	15,000.00
05N - Public Services (Abused Children) Family Crisis Center	\$	12,000.00
05M - Public Services (Health ) Sunshine Haven	\$	18,000.00
14A - Housing Rehabilitation Program	\$	214,500.00
14H - Housing Rehabilitation Administration	\$	42,000.00
21A - General Administration	\$	180,732.00
Total CDBG Funding	\$	903,660.00
12 - HOME-Affordable Housing Programs (Habitat for Humanity)	\$	90,000.00
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12- HOME - CHDO Set-Aside	\$	44,700.00
21H - HOME-Administrative Support	\$	29,700.00
Total HOME Funding	\$	297,943.00
14A - Housing Rehabilitation (anticipated RL program income)	\$	35,912.14
12 - Construction of Housing (anticipated AHP-RL Program Income)	\$	12,145.23
Total Anticipated Program Income	\$	48,057.37
Total Funding Requests	\$1	,249,660.37

#### CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

#### FOR THE CITY OF HARLINGEN, TEXAS

#### INTRODUCTION

The City of Harlingen is required by law (24 CFR Part 91.105) to have a detailed Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) which contains the City's policies and procedures for public involvement in the Consolidated Plan process; when preparing an assessment of fair housing (AFH), and the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) and Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA) money. This Citizen Participation Plan must be available to the public.

#### ENCOURAGING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The law requires that our Citizen Participation Plan both provide for and encourage public participation, in the development of the AFH, any revisions to the AFH, the consolidated plan, any substantial amendments to the consolidated plan or annual action plan, and the annual performance report.

The following are encouraged to participate in the development of documents aforementioned:

- Low and moderate income people, especially those living in low and moderate income neighborhoods, particularly those persons living in areas designated as a revitalization area or in a slum and blighted area where CDBG funds are proposed to be used.
- Minorities, people who do not speak English, homeless individuals and families, and people with disabilities is encouraged. Citizens are encouraged to participate Summaries of basic information about CDBG and HOME, the Consolidated Planning process; and AFH are to be made available in English and Spanish (when requested)
- ✓ Local and regional institutions, Continuums of Care, and other organizations (including businesses, developers, nonprofit organizations, philanthropic organizations, and community based and faith based organizations)
- Local public housing agencies and residents of public housing (including any resident advisory boards, resident councils, and resident management corporations)

#### THE ROLE OF LOW INCOME PEOPLE

The law declares that the primary purpose of the programs covered by this Citizen Participation Plan is to improve communities by providing: decent housing, a suitable living environment, and growing economic opportunities-all principally for low and moderate income people. The amount of federal CDBG money Harlingen receives each year is mostly based upon the severity of both poverty and substandard housing conditions in Harlingen therefore, it is necessary that public participation genuinely involve low income residents who experience these conditions. Genuine involvement by low income people must take place at all stages of the process.

#### STAGES

In general, the stages or events include:

- ✓ Identification of housing and community development needs.
- Preparation of a draft use of funds for the upcoming year, called the proposed Annual Action Plan. Sometimes there might also be the development of a proposed Consolidated Plan or the development of the Assessment of Fair Housing, and any amendments.
- ✓ Formal approval by elected officials of a final Annual Action Plan or Consolidated Plan.
- ✓ On occasion during the year, it might be necessary to change the use of the money already budgeted in an Annual Action Plan, or to change the priorities established in the Consolidated Plan. In that case, a formal Substantial Amendment will be proposed, considered, and acted upon after a "program year" is complete, an Annual Performance Report must be drafted for public review and comment, and then submitted to HUD.

#### THE PROGRAM YEAR

The "program year" chosen by Harlingen is October 1 through September 30.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

There shall be 5 days advance public notice for the development and any revisions to the AFH; proposed Annual Action Plan or Consolidated Plan; any proposed Substantial Amendment to the Action Plan or Consolidated Plan; and the Annual Performance Report to give the public adequate notice.

#### FORMS OF PUBLIC NOTICE

- Public notices will be published in a paper of general circulation such as the Valley Morning Star. However, in order to reach the majority of the City's population, specifically the low to moderate income population, the City may also advertise in the Bargain Book.
- Notices will be sent to any person or organization requesting to be on a mailing list.
- Notice may also be sent to neighborhood organizations, public housing authority developments, radio and television media, and other persons or groups as deemed appropriate by the Community Development Department.
- Notice may be posted on the internet through social media and on the City's web page.

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✓ Notice may be posting at public libraries, government offices, and public places.

#### PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION

The City will provide citizens/residents, public agencies, and other interested parties with reasonable and timely access to the documents relating to the Consolidated Plan, and the use of assistance under the programs covered by the Plan for the preceding five years, as well as related to the AFH and its revisions.

For non English speaking citizens/residents, reasonable steps to provide language assistance to ensure meaningful access will be provided. Those speaking Spanish will be assisted by staff, board members, and officials whom are proficient in the Spanish language. Persons speaking another language

Persons requiring materials in a language other than English should contact the Community Development Staff at (956) 216-5180, 502 E. Tyler, Harlingen, TX 78550.

#### Standard documents include:

- The proposed and final Annual Action Plan.
- ✓ The proposed and final Consolidated Plan.
- ✓ Proposed and final Substantial Amendments to either an Annual Action plan or the Consolidated Plan.
- ✓ Annual Performance Reports. (CAPER)
- ✓ Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH)
- ✓ Amendments or revisions to the AFH
- ✓ The Citizen Participation Plan

#### AVAILABILITY OF STANDARD DOCUMENTS

In the spirit of encouraging public participation, copies of standard documents will be made available for office review. Summaries of standard documents will be provided to the public at no cost. These materials will be made available in a form accessible to persons with disabilities and to persons who do not speak English, whenever requested.

#### PLACES WHERE STANDARD DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE

Standard documents will be available at the office of the Community Development Department located at 502 E. Tyler, Harlingen, TX.

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearings are required by law in order to obtain the public's views and to provide the public with the City's responses to public questions and proposals.

Whenever possible, public hearings will be held at or after 5:30 p.m., a time convenient to most people who might benefit from the use of funds.

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Public hearings will be held at places accessible, convenient and not intimidating to most people who might benefit from the use of funds. Locations may include the public library, Lon C. Hill Building Conference Room, Townhall, Public Housing Authority Developments, Schools, and other appropriate locations.

Public Hearings and Populations with Unique Needs

All Public Hearings will be held at locations accessible to people with disabilities, and provisions will be made for people with disabilities when requests are made at least three (3) working days prior to a meeting.

Translators will be provided for people who do not speak English when requests are made at least three (3) working days prior to a meeting. These services shall be provided at no charge to the public.

The Conduct of Public Hearings

To ensure that public hearings are meaningful to citizens/residents, each citizen/resident choosing to speak will be allowed five minutes to make a verbal presentation.

#### STAGES IN THE PROCESS

#### Identifying Needs

Housing and community development needs of low and moderate income people are so great and so diverse therefore, priorities must be set in order to decide which needs should get more attention and more resources than other needs. This is the basic reason the Consolidated Plan exists.

The laws and regulations require at least one (1) public hearing each year to obtain residents' opinions about needs, and what priority those needs have. If time permits, public hearings will be held in different neighborhoods to determine the specific needs and priorities identified by low and moderate income people. At a minimum, two (2) public hearing will be held in order to allow citizens to actively participate in the community development process (Annual Action Plan and the CAPER).

Public hearings about needs will be completed 30 days before a draft Annual Action Plan/Consolidated Plan is published for comment, so that the needs identified can be considered by the City and addressed in the draft Annual Action Plan or Consolidated Plan.

#### Assessment of Fair Housing

At, or as soon as feasible after the start of the public participation process, HUD provided data and any other supplemental information will be made available to its citizens/residents, public agencies, and other interested parties. The HUD-provided data available to the public by cross-referencing to the data on HUD's Web site.

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#### The "Proposed" Annual Action Plan or Consolidated Plan

The law providing the funds covered by this Citizen Participation Plan calls for improved accountability of jurisdictions to the public. In that spirit and in compliance with the terms of the law, Harlingen will use the following procedures.

At the beginning of this stage, the City of Harlingen will provide the public with an estimate of the amount of CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds it expects to receive in the upcoming year, along with a description of the range of types of activities that can be funded with these resources. Also, the public will be given an estimate of the amount of these funds that will be used in ways that will benefit low and moderate income people.

The plans of the City of Harlingen to minimize the extent to which low and moderate income people will have to leave their homes as a result of the use of these federal dollars (called "displacement) will also be available at this time. This "anti-displacement plan" will also describe how Harlingen will compensate people who are actually displaced as a result of the use of these funds, specifying the type and amount of compensation.

The following steps represent the process:

- 1. Development of the Assessment of Fair Housing
  - a. Publish & Post notice.
  - There shall be a 30 day comment period before final approval by the City Commission.
  - There shall be a public hearing before the Community Development Advisory Board during the 30 day comment period.
  - d. Send to HUD for final approval.
- Consolidated Plan/Annual Action Plan
  - a. Publish & Post Notice of Funding Availability.
  - A public hearing about the proposed Consolidated Plan/Annual Action Plan will be conducted by the City Commission at least 30 days before final approval allowing for additional comments.
  - c. There shall be a public hearing before the Community Development Advisory Board during the comment period before final approval by the City Commission.
  - Send to HUD for final approval.
- Substantial Amendments
  - a. Publish & Post notice.
  - There shall be a 30 day comment period.
  - c. There shall be a public hearing before the Community Development Advisory Board during the comment period followed by a public hearing before the City Commission.
  - Send to HUD for final approval.
- Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER).
  - a. Publish & Post notice.
  - b. Hold public hearing
  - c. There shall be a 15 day comment period.
  - d. Submit to HUD for approval.

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#### Technical Assistance

City staff will work with organizations and individuals representative of low and moderate income people who are interested in submitting an application to obtain funding for an activity. All potential applicants for funding are encouraged to contact City staff for technical assistance before completing an application/proposal for funding.

Availability of a Proposed Annual Action Plan, Consolidated Plan, CAPER and AFH

Copies of the proposed Annual Action Plan/ Consolidated Plan will be made available to the public free of charge and without delay. In addition, copies will be available for viewing at the locations specified above in the section, "Public Access to Information."

So that low and moderate income people can determine the degree to which they might be affected, they will be provided with a summary of the Proposed Annual Action Plan, Consolidated Plan, and AFH at least 30 days prior to the date of final approval of the Annual Plan/Consolidated Plan by the Harlingen City Commission. Information available will consist of: HUD-required sections, the HUD-required Priorities Table, and a written description of all proposed uses of CDBG, HOME, ESG, AND HOPWA funds; and AFH HUD provided data. At a minimum, description shall include the type of activity, location and the amount of federal money to be allocated.

This requirement may be satisfied by distributing summaries of the Annual Action Plan/ Consolidated Plan, and AFH, along with information as to where complete copies may be reviewed.

#### Public Hearing and Further Action

A public hearing about the Proposed Annual Action Plan/Consolidated Plan will be conducted by the Mayor and City Commission at least 30 days before the Plan becomes final thereby allowing for further public comments.

In preparing a final Annual Action Plan, Consolidated Plan, or AFH, a, careful consideration will be given to all comments and views expressed by the public, whether given as verbal testimony at the public hearing or submitted in writing during the review and comment period. The Final Annual Action Plan/Consolidated Plan, and AFH will have a section that presents all comments and explains why any comments were not accepted.

The "Final" Annual Action Plan, Consolidated Plan, AFH, and CAPER

Copies of the Final Annual Action Plan/ Consolidated Plan, AFH, and summary of it will be made available to the public free of charge and within three (3) working days of a request. In addition, copies will be available at the locations specified above in the section, "Public Access to Information."

"Amendments" to the Annual Action Plan (and/or the Consolidated Plan)

The Final Annual Action Plan/Consolidated Plan will be amended any time there is:

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- a change in one of the Priorities presented on the HUD-required Priority Table;
- creation or deletion of activity;
- a change in the purpose, location, scope, or beneficiaries of an activity (described more fully later).
- A material change in the AFH HUD provided data which effect established priorities and goals. The public will be given 30 days to comment on any revision/amendment to the AFH before submission to HUD for approval.

Public notification requirements will be followed for substantial amendments to the Annual Action Plan/Consolidated Plan and AFH.

#### Substantial Amendments

The following will be considered "substantial" amendments:

- A change in the use of CDBG money from one activity to another of \$50,000.00 or more.
- A change in the use of HOME money from one activity to another of \$50,000.00 or more.
- 3. The addition of an activity not originally described in the Annual Action Plan.
- Elimination of an activity originally included in the Annual Action Plan
- A change in the purpose of an activity (such as changing a construction project from residential to commercial).
- A significant change in the location of an activity.
- A decrease of 20% or more in the number of low and moderate income beneficiaries.

Public Notice and Public Hearing for Substantial Amendments

There must be reasonable notice of a proposed Substantial Amendment so that residents will have an opportunity to review and comment on it. Notice will be made according to the procedures described earlier in the Citizen Participation Plan, with the addition of the following procedures specifically for Substantial Amendments:

- A detailed written description of the proposed Substantial Amendment will be made available to the public at no cost within three (3) working days of a request for same. Copies will also be available at the locations indicated earlier in this Citizen Participation Plan under "Public Access to Information."
- There will be a public hearing before the Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) regarding the proposed Substantial Amendment, followed by a public hearing before the City Commission. The public hearing before the City Commission will not

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take place until such time that the public has had 30 days to review the proposed Substantial Amendment.

- In preparing a Final Substantial Amendment, careful consideration will be given to all comments and views expressed by the public, whether given as verbal testimony at the public hearing or submitted in writing during the review and comment period. The Final Substantial Amendment will have a section that presents all comments and explains why any comments were not accepted.
- The amendment will be forwarded to HUD upon final approval by the City Commission.

#### The Annual Performance Report

Every year, Harlingen must prepare an Annual Performance Report within 90 days of the close of the program year (CAPER). In general, the CAPER must describe how funds were actually used and the extent to which these funds were used for activities to benefit low and moderate income people.

Public Notice and Public Hearing for Annual Performance Report

There must be reasonable notice that an Annual Performance Report is available so that residents will have an opportunity to review it and comment on it. Notice will be made according to the procedures described earlier in this Citizen Participation Plan, with the addition of the following procedures specifically for Annual Performance Report:

- A period of no less than fifteen (15) days, to receive comments on the Annual Performance Report will be provided to the public.
- A summary of the Annual Performance Report will be made available to the public at no cost within three (3) written days of the request. Copies and/or summaries will be available at the locations indicated earlier in this Citizen Participation Plan.
- 3. There will be a public hearing regarding the Annual Performance Report.
- 4. In preparing a CAPER for submission to HUD, careful consideration will be given to all comments and views expressed by the public, whether given as verbal testimony at the public hearing or submitted in writing. The CAPER sent to HUD will have a section that presents all comments and explains why any comments were not accepted.

#### Contents of the Annual Performance Report

The CAPER presented to the public will have an accounting for each activity during the program year for which the report is applicable. The City will report accomplishments, goals, and expenditures in aformat required by HUD.

#### COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

Written complaints from the public will receive a meaningful, written reply within fifteen (15) working days. Copies of the complaints and responses will be forwarded to HUD.

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#### CHANGING THE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

This Citizen Participation Plan can be changed only after the public has been notified of the intent to modify it, and only after the public has had 15 days to review and comment on proposed amendments.

#### THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD

Harlingen has created a Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) in the spirit of the law, which calls for increased accountability to the public, as well as the encouragement of active participation by low and moderate income people.

The CDAB is a twelve (12) member body that contributes to public participation by helping to: identify housing and community development needs; establish priorities relating to those needs; propose activities and projects to address high-priority needs; and, suggest the amount of federal, state, and local monies to be allocated to those activities.

Harlingen has formulated a plan for achieving maximum participation from its citizens.

The City has been divided into four (4) quadrants. Each quadrant will be represented by two (2) CDAB members.. The term of office for each CDAB member shall correspond with that of the respective Mayor, or City Commissioner who made the appointment.

The CDAB will select one (1) member to serve as the Community Development Advisory Board Chairman. A quorum will be a majority of appointed members.

All CDAB public hearings are open to the public and are advertised as described above in the "Public Notice" section of this Citizen Participation Plan. The CDAB, as an advisory board, will recommend eligible projects to the Mayor and City Commission on the allocation of all CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds, including "program income" associated with these, monies left unspent and unobligated from the previous program year, and any additional (not previously anticipated) federal fund allotments. In no event shall CDBG, HOME, ESG, or HOPWA funds be allocated without review by the CDAB as the forum to obtain citizen participation. Final approval shall rest solely with the City Commission and/or HUD.

#### GLOSSARY - DEFINITION OF TERMS

AP - Action Plan

AAP - Annual Action Plan (same as AP)

AFH - Assessment of Fair Housing

APR - Annual Performance Report (same as CAPER)

CAPER – Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (same as APR)

CPP - Citizen Participation Plan

CDAB - Community Development Advisory Board

CDBG - Community Development Block Grant

HOME - Home Investment Partnerships Program

HOPWA - Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids

ESG - Emergency Shelter Grant Program

HUD - Department of Housing and Urban Development

Citizen Participation Plan:

Community Development Advisory Approval: June 30, 2016

City Commission approval: August 3, 2016

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#### **Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)**

#### CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing -- The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing,

Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

Anti-Labbying -To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

- 1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the swarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loun, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
- 2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
- It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in
  the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under
  grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose
  accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction -- The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan --The housing activities to be undersaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Sulutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701a) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.

Mayor, City of Hartingen, Texas

Signature of Authorized Official

Title

#### Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan — Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

- I. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to netivities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or climination of shorts or hlight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular argument because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).
- 3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in pan with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it tacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

#### Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

- I. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
- A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

Compliance with Anti-discrimination lows -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint — its activities enneeming lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

Compliance with Laws - Itayill comply with applicable laws.

Signature of Authorized Official

Date

Mayor, City of Harlingen, Texas

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#### **OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification**

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBGassisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having particular tagency because existing conditions pase a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

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#### Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Teannt Based Rental Assistance -- If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenant-based rental assistance is an assential element of its consulidated plan.

Eligible Activities and Costs -- It is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR §§92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in §92.214.

Subsidy layering -- Before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing:

Signature of Authorized Official

8-6-19 Date

Mayor, City of Harlingen, Texas

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#### **Emergency Solutions Grants Certifications**

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program recipient certifies that:

Major rehabilitation/conversion/renovation — If an emergency shelter's rehabilitation costs exceed 75 percent of the value of the building before rehabilitation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed rehabilitation.

If the cost to convert a building into an emergency shelter exceeds 75 percent of the value of the building after conversion, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed conversion.

In all other cases where ESG funds are used for renovation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 3 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed renovation.

Essential Services and Operating Costs – In the case of ussistance involving shelter operations or essential services related to street outcode or emergency shelter, the recipient will provide services or shelter to homeless individuals and families for the period during which the ESG assistance is provided, without regard to a particular site or structure, so long the recipient serves the same type of persons (e.g., families with children, unaccompanied youth, disabled individuals, or victims of domestic violence) or persons in the same geographic area.

Renovation – Any renovation carried out with ESG assistance shall be sufficient to ensure that the building involved is safe and sanitary.

Supportive Services – The recipient will assist homeless individuals in obtaining permanent housing, appropriate supportive services (including medical and mental health treatment, victim services, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living), and other Federal State, local, and provate assistance available for these individuals.

Matching Funds - The recipient will obtain marching amounts required under 24 CFR 576.201.

Confidentiality — The recipient has established and is implementing procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted under the ESG program, including protection against the release of the address or location of any family violence shelter project, except with the written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of that shelter.

Homeless Persons Involvement – To the maximum extent practicable, the recipient will involve, through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise, homeless individuals and families in constructing, recorving, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, in providing services assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted under the program.

Consolidated Plan – All activities the recipient undertakes with assistance under ESG are consistent with its consolidated plan.

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#### Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Certifications

The HOPWA grantee certifies that.

Activities - Activities (under the program will meet urgent needs that are not being met by available public and private sources.

Building -- Any building or structure assisted under that program shall be operated for the purpose specified in the consolidated plan:

- 1. For a period of not less than 10 years in the case of assistance involving new construction, substantial rehabilitation, or acquisition of a facility,
- For a period of not less than 3 years in the case of assistance involving non-substantial rehabilitation or repair of a building or structure.

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#### APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

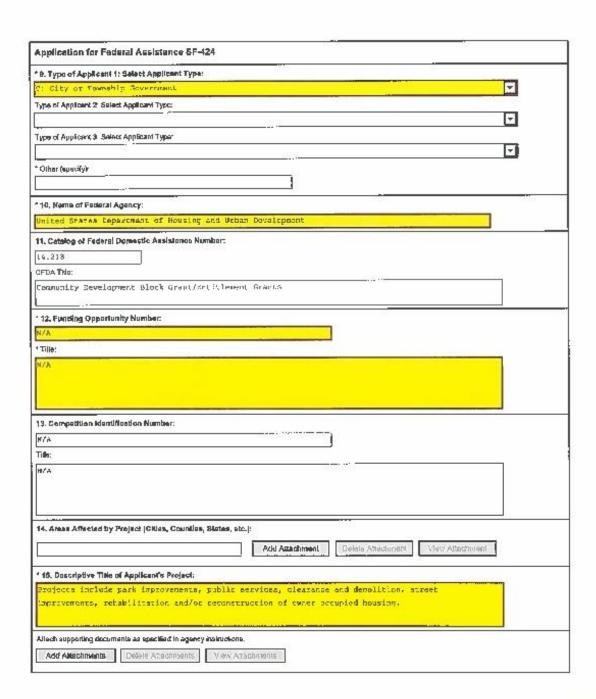
#### INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING REQUIREMENTS:

#### **Lobbying Certification**

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

- 1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (Including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project poets) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
- 2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comparation of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, twough any authorized representative, access to suid the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and witlestablish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accounting standards or agency directives.
- 3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the legins of the real property filter, or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the exacting agency. Will record the Federal interest in the title of real property in accordance with awarding agency directives and will include a coverant in the title of real property aquired in whete or in part with. Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
- Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the disting, raview and approval of construction plans and specifications.
- 5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progress reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance swarding agency or State.
- Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
- Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.

- Will comply with the intergovernmental Porsonnol Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for interfit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of QPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Adjunistration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
- Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Polisaring Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
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- 11. Will comply, or has already compliad, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Rolocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-easisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Fodoral participation. In purchases.
- 12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1901-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
- 13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Becon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards for (40 U.S.C. §§327-SSS) regarding lation standards for federally-assisted construction satingreements.
- 14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipionts in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
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National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wattends pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with ECI 11968; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program ilnveloped under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 [16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); [f] conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implumentation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Sale Onnking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act. of 1973, as amended (PLL 93-205).

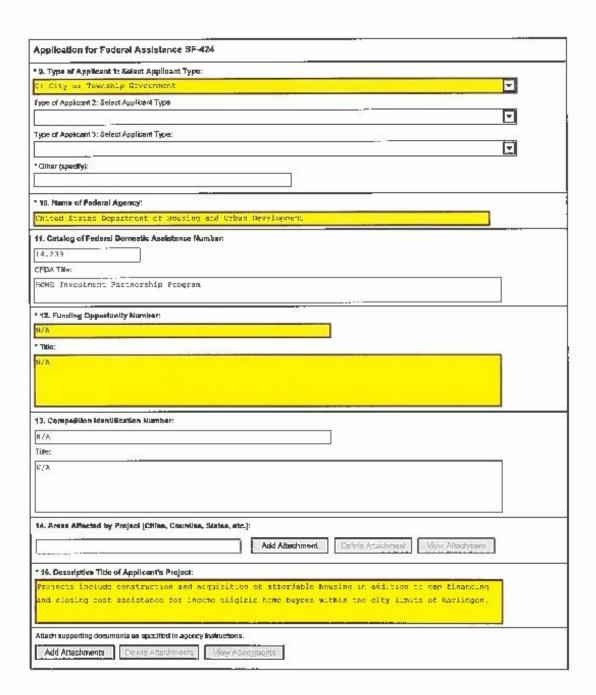
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- 18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amondments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of Steles, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
- Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and pariotes governing this program.

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- 10. Will comply with all Fodoral statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Tille VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education. Amendments of 1972, as emerated (20 Ll S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the casis of Bandicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended [42] U.S.C. §§6101-0107), which prohibits distrinination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Trealment Act of 1972 (P.L. 02-255), as amended, relating to nowdiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse: (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to rendiscrimination on the basis of akinhol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee-3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcoholand drug abuse petient records; (h) Tillo VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C., §§3601 et seq.) as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale. rental or financing of housing: (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and. (j) Ind requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application,

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- 11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Refocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equilable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for ordical purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
- 12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§ 1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in pair with Federal funds.
- 13. Will nomply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C., §§276a to 275a-7), the Copulant Act (40 U.S.C., §278c and 18 U.S.C., §874), and the Contact Work Hours and Sefety Standards Act (40 U.S.C., §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagregations.
- 14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1873 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the lotal cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
- Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the

National Environmental Policy Act of 1959 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) nolification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738 (c) protection of wellands pursuant to EC 11990; (d) gyalisation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (a) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Cossial Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (1) conformity at Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. 5§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 90-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).

- Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and spenic rivers system.
- Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 4965 as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§460a-1 at seq.).
- 18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Americans of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
- Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.

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